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Weather Stations	Rainfall			Temperatures				Growing Degree Days 1/		Soil Moisture 2/
	Last Week	Since March 1		Last Week						
		Total	Dept.*	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Dept.*	Total	Dept.*	
- Inches -										

1/ Growing degree days since March 1, 2005, total and departure from normal or long term average.
2/ Estimated soil moisture as % of field capacity based on climate data.

Field Crop Planting Activities Continue

Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, June 5, 2005, were 5.7. Topsoil moisture was rated 60% short and 40% adequate. Irrigation water supply was rated 100% adequate. There were measurable amounts of rainfall during the week across most of the state. Temperatures were variable for the week. There was a report of wind and cold damage on crops in some central localities. Agricultural producers continued field preparation for summer crops. Other activities included field crop planting, fertilizing, herbicide and pesticide spraying, irrigating, tending greenhouses, and transplanting greenhouse crops. Planting of soybeans and field corn continued throughout the state. There was a report of leaf beetle in some wheat fields in the central district. The first cutting of hay continued. Alfalfa weevils were reported in the central and southern districts. Planting of sweet potatoes began in the south. Summer vegetable transplanting continued. Some early planted sweet corn began to tassel in the south. There was harvest of leek, chive, arugula, basil, green onions, mustard, parsley, dandelion, radishes, cilantro, beets, collards, dill, kale, Boston lettuce, green and red leaf lettuce, Romaine lettuce, endive, escarole, Swiss chard, baby spinach, carrots, peas, turnips, asparagus, zucchini, and mint. Field crops rated in fair to good condition across the state. Strawberry harvest continued. Pasture condition was rated fair to good.

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE 6, 2005	
Arugula & Baby Arugula	- Being harvested in good volume and quality.
Asparagus	- Good quality being harvested in good volume.
Basil	- Just starting to harvest good quality product this week.
Beets	- Harvesting in good quantity and quality.
Cabbage	- Harvest just beginning with light quantities of good quality product.
Cilantro & Dill	- Spring planted available in good quantity and good quality.
Collards	- Harvesting a fair quantity of good quality product.
Dandelions	- Spring planted available in good quantity and quality.
Escarole/Endive	- Harvesting a fair quantity of good quality product.
Green Onions & Leeks	- A bit of over-wintered product is still available. Transplanted product should be available by mid to third week of June. Spring planted varieties due in July.
Lettuces	- Harvesting Red and Green Leaf, Boston, and Romaine in good quantities and quality.
Parsley	- Spring planted just starting in light quantity and good quality.
Radishes	- Being harvested in good volume and quality.
Spinach & Baby Spinach	- Both available in good quantity and quality.
Strawberries	- Harvesting in good quantity and quality. The majority of the rest of the commercial Chandler crop will be harvested this week with decreasing volumes to continue through the next several weeks. Matted row varieties are coming into volume in Central Jersey and should be starting this week in Northern areas. Our berries are picked when ripe and have more red interior color than white since they're physically more mature and ripe, with a large berry size and excellent taste. The Chandler variety is also grown in raised beds and under black plastic.
Squash	- Just beginning to harvest minor quantities of Yellow and Zucchini grown in tunnels. Field grown by next week in light quantities with good quality.
Turnips	- Harvesting light quantities of good quality product.
JERSEY FRESH FORECAST	
Blueberries	- Minor quantities of early varieties like Weymouth starting around June 18 th . Much more widely planted Duke variety starting 3-4 days later with volume available a week after that.
Cucumbers	- Should begin harvesting minor quantities of tunnel grown product by next week. Field grown will become available in two weeks. Pickles (Kirby cucumbers) available next week.